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Professor R. J. Hutchen,
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My dear Professor Hutchen:

Yesterday I wrote a letter to Dr. Southworth supporting an application of Dr. Benzinger for a position in Weaverville. You will be very fortunate indeed if you get Dr. Benzinger. He is a very likeable man. He made himself very agreeable here by his modesty and his quiet manners. Mrs. Benzinger also is a very pleasant little German lady. His one son has been in the war, but was wounded in Poland, and is now in Berlin. He is a boy of 18 or 19, likely to come to this side after the war is over. Indeed, he intended to enter Toronto this autumn.

I should think that he would be very content with the salary you mention. I believe also that he would do the general work of the Old Testament chair very well. He is not only an excellent archaeologist, but his Commentary on 1st Kings is said to be one of the best on that book. In a certain sense I should be sorry if he were to take a permanent appointment, because I had been hoping that if the war were to finish this year and the feeling were to cool down in Toronto we might bring him back, but these conditions are so uncertain that I have advised him to take any position that may open. This expression, however, of my own hopes will perhaps be one of the best testimonials I could give Dr. Benzinger. I hope that you are enjoying your work in Weaverville, and shall be glad if you will give my kind regards to Mrs. Hutchen, I am,

Yours sincerely,